

NE98 RDD Justification

The justification for each Question in the two surveys is provided below. Questions asked only of respondents that have made an overnight stay an “OR”. An “AR” designates questions asked of all respondents.

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| Question 1 | AR – Top two species targeted will be used to develop angler profiles and determine economically important recreational species. |
| Question 2 | AR - Identification of fishing trip status by overnight or one-day trip is necessary for determining the appropriate allocation of elicited travel costs to the fishing trip. Trip status will also be used as a basis for characterizing angler behavior in the Northeast Region.
SKIP JUSTIFICATION: Those anglers that did not stay in the local area overnight during their fishing trip or vacation skipped to question 5b. These items were skipped because they gathered information regarding expenditures associated with overnight lodging and would not be applicable to local fishermen. |
| Question 3 | OR - The duration of the individual's overnight travel stay will be used to characterize overnight stay behavior. |
| Question 4 | OR - The number of days spent fishing while on an overnight stay will be used to calculate the portion of total lodging costs that may be allocated to fishing. Even though fishing may be the primary purpose for making a trip, only those expenses directly related to fishing may be appropriately attributable to fishing. Thus, if an individual fishes on 2 days of a 5 day trip only those expenses associated with the two days spent fishing may be allocated to fishing. |
| Question 5 | OR – Fishing primacy is used to profile anglers and the trips they take. It also helps map vacation expenditures into fishing trip expenditures for overnight anglers. |
| Question 5b | AR – Information regarding the number of people contributing to the expenses of the fishing trip enable group expenditures to be converted to individual expenditures.
SKIP JUSTIFICATION: If the answer is greater than one, only group expenditure questions are asked (those questions followed by an _2). If the answer is equal to one, the individual trip expenditure questions are asked. |
| Question 6a | AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding direct individual trip expenditures on food, drink and refreshments. |
| Question 6a_2 | AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding direct group trip expenditures on food, drink and refreshments. |
| Question 6b | AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding direct individual trip expenditures on lodging. |
| Question 6b_2 | AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding direct group trip expenditures on lodging. |
| Question 6c | AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding direct individual trip expenditures on boat fuel. |
| Question 6c_2 | AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding direct group trip expenditures on boat fuel. |
| Question 7 | AR – State of origin ties expenditures back to a physical location for impact analysis. |

SKIP JUSTIFICATION: If respondent did make all expenditures in their state of residence, question 7a is skipped.

- Question 7a AR – If all expenditures were not made in the state of residence, the percentage made in the state of residence is asked. Again, this ties expenditures back to a physical region for impact analysis.
- Question 8a AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on rods and reels in the two months prior to the interview.
- Question 8b AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on tackle in the two months prior to the interview.
- Question 9 AR – State of origin ties expenditures back to a physical location for impact analysis.
SKIP JUSTIFICATION: If respondent did make all expenditures in their state of residence, question 7a is skipped.
- Question 9a AR – If all expenditures were not made in the state of residence, the percentage made in the state of residence is asked. Again, this ties expenditures back to a physical region for impact analysis.
- Question 10a AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on special fishing clothing, foul weather gear, boots, wader, etc, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the two months prior to the interview.
- Question 10b AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on magazines, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the two months prior to the interview.
- Question 10c AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on club dues, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the two months prior to the interview.
- Question 11 AR – State of origin ties expenditures back to a physical location for impact analysis.
SKIP JUSTIFICATION: If respondent did make all expenditures in their state of residence, question 7a is skipped.
- Question 11a AR – If all expenditures were not made in the state of residence, the percentage made in the state of residence is asked. Again, this ties expenditures back to a physical region for impact analysis.
- Question 12a AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on motorized boats, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the twelve months prior to the interview.
- Question 12b AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on non-motorized boats, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the twelve months prior to the interview.
- Question 12c AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on depth finders and other electronic equipment, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the twelve months prior to the interview.

- Question 12d AR – Expenditure data drives the analysis of economic impacts. This question gathers information regarding expenditures on vehicles, used primarily for saltwater fishing, in the twelve months prior to the interview.
- Question 13 AR – State of origin ties expenditures back to a physical location for impact analysis.
SKIP JUSTIFICATION: If respondent did make all expenditures in their state of residence, question 7a is skipped.
- Question 13a AR – If all expenditures were not made in the state of residence, the percentage made in the state of residence is asked. Again, this ties expenditures back to a physical region for impact analysis.